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In re Application of: Baba, et al.  
Application No. 10/766,802  
Filed: January 30, 2004  
For: METHOD, APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER  
READABLE MEDIUM FOR MANAGING  
MULTIPLE SYSTEM

DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL  
(ACCELERATED EXAMINATION)  
UNDER M.P.E.P. §708.02 (VIII)

This is a response to the renewed petition filed 27 June 2005, under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. §708.02 (VII): Accelerated Examination, to make the above-identified application special. The renewed petition was filed in response to a dismissal of the original petition filed 18 March 2005.

The original petition was dismissed for failure to provide a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion points out with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

The renewed petition identifies a feature of each independent claim (i.e., a first feature of independent claim 1, . . . , a third feature of independent claim 8). Although it is stated in the discussion of each reference that the reference "does not disclose or suggest" the identified feature for each independent claim "*in combination* with the other limitations recited in each of the independent claims" (emphasis added), the discussion does state that the references fail to teach or suggest the identified features without reference to the combination of limitations in the claims (pages 5-6). This statement on pages 5-6 of the discussion is a sufficient detailed description. Accordingly, the petition is GRANTED.

The application file is being forwarded to the Examiner of Record for accelerated examination according to the procedures set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section VIII.

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